

Minutes of the meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (and Planning)** held on Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in the **Doug Daniels Pavilion, Elm Park, Filton**

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**Present: Cllrs:** - I Scott (Chair), B Mead (V Chair), K Briffett, D Collins, A Kenyon, A Monk, B Scott, A Tink, J Tucker, J Ward

**ALSO PRESENT:** N Gould (Town Council Support Officer), Derek Kemp (Accounting Solutions)

**APOLOGIES: Cllrs:** - A Doyle, B Moore, S Sims,

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**1215. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were given from Councillor B Moore who had been admitted to hospital for treatment, Councillor A Doyle & S Sims who were both suffering with colds. It was suggested that the council office send Cllr Moore a get well soon card.

**Action: Town Council Office**

**1216. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:** Cllr Mead was proposed, seconded and nominated unanimously.

**1217. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr K Briffett declared a personal interest in Conygre House, Cllr A Monk declared a personal interest in North Bristol Advice Centre.

**1218. PRESENTATION OF PRECEPT & BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2017/18:**

Mr Kemp informed those present that the Council were in a much more comfortable position financially than at the same time the previous year. It was noted that these were the preliminary budgets and could be changed before the January meeting where the final set of budgets would be agreed. Mr Kemp informed councillors about the capping on Town and Parish Councils, which is currently in its consultation stage. Mr Kemp recommended a 1.99% increase to Council Tax prices for Band D properties in Filton (an increase of £4.23 per annum). It was noted that the Council had worked hard to increase revenue and cost cutting exercises had been successful in maintaining expenditure budgets. It was agreed to send thank you letters to the management team thanking them all for their hard work.

**1219. MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

**1220. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ON AGENDA:** There were none received

**1221. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** There were none received.

**1222. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS:** The report was noted, it was suggested that the Town Council look into the possibility of Solar Panels.

**Action: Town Council Office**

**1223. GRANT APPLICATIONS:** Councillors reviewed both grant applications; some councillors didn't feel that either application would solely benefit residents of Filton, with that in mind it was agreed to not award either group with a grant. Furthermore it was proposed to split the remaining Section 137 Grants budget, half to be put in the reserves and half to be moved across to next year's budget, this was seconded and **Agreed:** nem.com

**1224. BATTING CAGE REPORT:** It was proposed that the group have a timeslot at the next Full Council meeting to present their proposal, this was seconded and **Agreed:** with all in favour.

**1225. MANAGERS REPORTS:**

i) Councillors questioned Mr Fessey on how he worked out his forecast figures, after a short discussion it was agreed that the Leisure Centre Manager and Bar Manager will bring actual month on month figures to future meetings.

ii) The report was noted

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**1226. FEEDBACK:**

**F.3478 - Rectory Lane Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS34 7BX -**

Variation of condition 22 attached to PT14/3203/F to substitute plan 'P100 revision K' with plan 'Zeb 854-P-100 revision V' which indicates a 2.4 metre high fence adjacent to Rectory building. – Approve with Conditions.

**F.3481 - 7 The Mead Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS34 7AW -** Change of use from a 6no. HMO (Class C4) to a 7no. HMO (Sui Generis) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) – Approve with Conditions.

**F.3485 - St Andrews Methodist Church Elm Park Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire -** Two storey extension, new canopy and ramped access with internal modification of existing accommodation for Counselling and Training premises. – Approve with Conditions.

**F3486 - St Andrews Methodist Church Elm Park Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire -** Insertion of 3no windows and 1no door – Approve with Conditions.

**F.3487 - 575 Filton Avenue Horfield South Gloucestershire BS7 0QH -** Demolition of existing attached garage. Erection of two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension to facilitate the subdivision of existing dwelling into 4no. self-contained flats with associated works. (Resubmission of PT15/2070/F). – Refusal.

**F.3490 - 26 Sixth Avenue Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS7 0LT -** Installation of rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion. – Approve with Conditions.

**F3493 - 17 Shanklin Drive Filton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS34 7EL -** Demolition of existing rear extension. Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation – Approve with Conditions.

**1227. PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – see attached schedule

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm**